

Federal grant will fund technical assistance for a regional garbage and trash study by the City of Alpine

(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) is proud to announce today a total of \$90,000 in Federal funds for the City of Alpine from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Border 2012 Program and the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) to fund a regional solid waste study and management plan. The solid waste plan will direct all trash and garbage management for the region.

"These Federal funds will allow Alpine to modernize and expand their trash facilities, directly translating to an improved quality of life and increased economic growth potential for the region as a whole," said Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez. "My office is committed to assisting Alpine and all other communities across District 23 in need of accessing crucial Federal grant money for infrastructure investments and I am proud that we could be a part of securing this great investment in the City of Alpine."

"We deeply appreciate the help we are receiving for this study," said City of Alpine Mayor Mickey Clouse. "It is much needed because our community and the region are growing and we need to take care of this problem. This study will go a long way in determining what will be needed for the future. We thank Congressman Rodriguez and the BECC for their help."

"The assistance we provide communities in the region demonstrates our continued commitment to address environmental and public health problems along the border," said BECC General Manager Daniel Chacon. "We congratulate the City of Alpine for coordinating with Congressman Rodriguez's office in taking the initiative in addressing the solid waste problem from a regional perspective."

With the \$45,000 in funds from the EPA's Border 2012 Program, the City of Alpine will begin to develop a Regional Solid Waste Management Facility Plan that will recommend a solution to address solid waste needs of Jeff Davis, Presidio and Brewster Counties including the populations of Alpine, Valentine, Fort Davis, Marathon, Study Butte-Terlingua, Redford, Marfa and Presidio. The Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) will provide technical assistance funds to cover the remaining \$45,000 to complete the study. The BECC has provided approximately \$200,000 in technical assistance funding to Alpine for several water and wastewater studies in recent years.

For more information or assistance with Federal grants, please contact Congressman Rodriguez at 1-866-915-3493.

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